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Friend:

Until now, the forced molting - the deliberate STARVATION method used in the U. S. A. to recycle flocks of hens used for egg production rather than replace them - has seldom been used in Canada, because the quota system in Canada has made it UNEconomical to keep hens for a second year.

However, the quota system may soon be dropped - we hope not, though - under the NAFTA Agreement. As a result Canadian egg producers have been doing experimental molting of poultry to see how it pay\$ off.

A recent issue of the ONTARIO FARMER said the Ontario Egg Board is "looking at using moulted flocks to provide more eggs." In Canada, and the USA, there are no laws to protect farmed animals ... only a voluntary 'code of practice. There should be laws to protect all farm animals, including poultry.

We are also asking the U. S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO ban forced molting (starvation) of poultry.
(Docket # 98P 0203/CP.

This is not okly an issue of animal cruelty; it is also an issue of promoting morality and ethics.

Thank you for reading this letter and your interest and concern.

Humanely, EDWARD J. BLOTZER, JR.,
Chief SPCA Police Officer (Since 1970)
President.

cc: FDA.

If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.
... St. Francis of Assisi

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NINE REASONS FOR BEING KIND TO ANIMALS

FIRST — Because animals are sentient creatures. They feel pain and are rendered unhappy even by hard words.

SECOND — Because it is the worst form of cowardice to ill-treat creatures who can make no complaint nor ask for redress.

THIRD — Because every act of cruelty and cowardice deteriorates and degenerates the character of the perpetrator.

FOURTH — Because there is abundant proof that such debasement is liable to lead to crime. Cruelty is a constituent part of all the worst crimes.

FIFTH — Kindness to animals relates to kindness to human beings – and vice versa. The worst people in society are the only ones who would abuse an animal, any animal.

SIXTH — The positive answer to today's violence and brutality is being humane.

SEVENTH — Because society is composed of units, and as a whole would be incalculably improved and elevated if the individuals composing it refrained from cruelty and adopted the practice of kindness to every living creature.

EIGHTH — Because the practice of kindness to every living creature or humaneness, involves the universal and specific application of the Golden Rule, which would bring permanent peace between nations and radically change for the better the entire social order.

NINTH — Because we have the command, "Be ye merciful, as your Father also is merciful."

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS IS A CRIME



**THERE ARE LAWS
RELATING TO THE
PROTECTION OF
ANIMALS FROM
CRUELTY**

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LEVEL I

1. Cruel ill treatment, overloading, beating or abusing **ANY** animal.
2. Neglecting any animal under the offender's care (whether he owns the animal or not).
3. Abandoning or attempting to abandon any animal.
4. Depriving any animals of food, water, shelter or necessary veterinary care.
5. Depriving any animal of access to clean shelter sufficient to keep it dry, protect it from bad weather and be adequate to preserve its own body heat.

Summary Offenses

These animal violations of the Pennsylvania State Cruelty Laws are classified as ***Summary Offenses***. Among the scale of crimes, summary offenses are considered the least serious and therefore are tried or heard in courts of District Justices of the Peace. Conviction of a summary offense allows the District Justice to:

1. Impose a maximum fine of **\$750.00** and/or imprisonment for not more than 90 days.
2. Order forfeiture or surrender of an abused animal under Section 5511(m).

Although the majority of animal cruelty cases fall into the category of summary offenses, too often there are more serious cases which the humane agents must address.



LEVEL II

Section 5511(a) of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code concerning Cruelty to Animals prohibits the willful and malicious:

1. Killing, maiming, mutilating, torturing, or disfiguring any dog or cat.
2. Killing, maiming or poisoning a zoo animal.

Second Degree Misdemeanors

Violations of this nature carry more severe penalties which are classified under ***Misdemeanors of the Second Degree***. Because these violations are more serious, the prosecution of offenders is handled by the County District Attorney. Conviction of a Misdemeanor of the Second Degree may result in:

1. A maximum fine of **\$5,000.00** and/or
2. Imprisonment for not more than two years.



LEVEL III

A third level of anti-cruelty laws and penalties has also been established by the Pennsylvania Cruelty to Animals Laws. Section 5511(h.1) deals with the problem of animal fighting. Under this section a person may not:

1. For amusement or gain, cause, allow or permit any animal to engage in animal fighting.
2. Receive compensation for the admission of another person to any place kept or used for animal fighting.
3. Own, possess, keep, train, promote, purchase or knowingly sell any animal for animal fighting.

In addition, killing or maiming a zoo animal may fall into this level rather than Misdemeanor of the Second Degree

Felony of the Third Degree

Violations of animal fighting or the killing or maiming of a zoo animal fall under the penalty of ***Felony of the Third Degree***. The penalty for a Third Degree felony is:

1. A maximum fine of **\$15,000.00** and/or
2. Imprisonment for not more than 7 years.

This Felony degree covers anyone caught at a dog/cock fighting scene.

— Courtesy of —
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AND HOW IS YOUR ATTITUDE?

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ATTITUDE: The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a school, or a home. The remarkable thing is we have a **choice** every day regarding the **attitude** we will embrace for that day. We can not change our past. We can not change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have and that is our **attitude**. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our **attitudes**.

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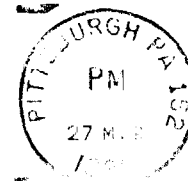
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Then share it with
The birds of the air,
The creatures of the sea,
And all who dwell upon the earth.
For all life is interconnected.
The smallest is no less precious
Than the largest.



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